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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

At the beginning of the week, in all regions prices on larger sizes were lower with mediums higher. Throughout the week prices in New York were lower for the larger sizes and increased for mediums. The trade sentiment was weak on the larger sizes and steady for the lighter sizes. Demand into all outlets was very slow to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for the larger sizes and adequate for the lighter weight sizes. Breaking stock prices were lower throughout the period. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate and included graded loose shell eggs. Demand was moderate to good. Breaking schedules full-time to overtime. The trade sentiment was weak. In the north central region spent hen removal costs remained unchanged. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Offers adequate to ample. The trade sentiment was steady.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, PRICES DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were down 2 cents for large and unchanged for medium and small. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged but were trending lower for the larger sizes and slightly higher for medium. The trade sentiment was weak for the larger sizes and steady for the lighter weight eggs. Retail demand was usually light to at times moderate. Food service movement was slow. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for the larger sizes and balanced for medium and small. Central states breaking stock prices ranged lower with checks and undergrades lower. Offerings were fully adequate to ample and included graded loose shell eggs. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Schedules were full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	107-116	110-113
LARGE	106-115	108-111
MEDIUM	82-91	84-87

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, western NY, and western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, however larger sizes continue to trend lower. Trade sentiment was at least steady on mediums, but still soft and somewhat weak on larger sizes. Retail demand was generally described as slow to light, but moderately active where features were in progress or planned. Supplies were adequate to available on large, although mediums were occasionally being reported as short. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region were fully adequate for a light to moderate demand. Light hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for regular processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	116-130	116-120
LARGE	110-124	115-119
MEDIUM	82-95	87-89

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT

## COMBINED REGIONAL

September 28, 2007

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	125.00	124.00	86.50
SOUTHEAST	124.50	122.50	85.00
MIDWEST	118.50	116.50	83.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	130.50	124.50	88.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	124.91	121.96	86.00

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

## IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	10-02	09-25	10-03
Large	88-97	95-104	31-40
Medium	66-71	64-69	26-32

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-OCT 01, 2007

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.7	19.8	9.5	11.8	12.5	62.3
	Change	2.5	-0.5	1.1	-0.4	1.3	7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.2	45.1	16.3	25.2	37.7	151.5
	Change	6.9	1.8	2.1	0.9	2.5	10%
Large	Curr Wk	35.8	131.2	91.1	108.9	146.6	513.6
	Change	2.7	22.8	16.1	-3.0	21.1	13%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.9	48.0	15.9	21.2	31.3	127.3
	Change	-0.8	10.9	-2.9	4.5	-10.5	1%
Small	Curr Wk	2.6	8.8	1.3	9.9	8.3	30.9
	Change	-2.7	-2.8	0.1	1.6	-0.3	-12%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.4	21.2	6.3	15.6	6.7	52.2
	Change	-0.3	0.2	-2.8	1.7	0.1	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.5	48.7	19.6	21.0	22.8	129.6
	Change	4.5	-7.0	2.8	-0.5	-2.0	-2%
Total	Curr Wk	105.1	322.8	160.0	213.6	265.9	1067.4
Percent	Change	14%	9%	11%	2%	5%	7%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1067.4	7%	154
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	247.7	15%	33
Total Shell Egg	1315.1	9%	187

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 154 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast - CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific - AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 29-Sep-2007 (lbs. in thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)						
Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid Whites	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Ined
CW	1,362,380	34,490	12,271	6,459	2,544	4,434
PW	1,343,925	35,202	11,292	5,887	1,905	4,413
LY	1,307,563	32,450	11,637	5,963	2,260	4,368
% PW	1%	-2%	9%	10%	34%	0
% LY	4%	6%	5%	8%	13%	2%
2007	49,490,093	1,228,316	454,705	244,097	97,230	168,879
2006	50,556,117	1,240,652	473,250	250,296	112,398	170,336
% YTD	-2%	-1%	-4%	-2%	-13%	-1%
				<b>CW</b>	<b>PW</b>	<b>LY</b>
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)				42.32	42.26	41.62
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)				39.06	38.98	38.28

**IN LINE PRODUCTION** (of total production; lbs. in thousands;  
may include a limited amount of off-line source material.)

	Cases Broken		Liquid Whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	659,482	48.4%	17,334	50.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	643,137	47.9%	17,838	50.7%
LAST YEAR	581,736	44.5%	16,326	50.3%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

	<u>Broiler Eggs Set,</u> <u>19 Selected States</u>		<u>Broiler Chicks Placed,</u> <u>19 Selected States</u>	
STATE	Week Ending			
	22-Sep	29-Sep	22-Sep	29-Sep
	2007	2007	2007	2007
	Thousands			
AL	*31,535	30,714	*20,892	20,015
AR	27,324	26,425	23,070	23,145
DE	*3,870	4,127	*5,259	4,436
FL	1,344	1,344	1,343	1,393
GA	35,012	33,524	28,786	28,401
KY	8,096	6,891	6,436	5,872
LA	3,978	3,712	4,225	4,057
MD	8,512	8,732	*5,408	6,461
MS	17,434	17,106	*16,172	16,618
NC	19,395	18,280	15,950	14,836
OK	6,977	6,373	5,619	5,097
PA	*4,310	4,316	*3,159	3,155
SC	5,518	5,728	5,087	4,660
TX	13,982	14,173	12,519	12,202
VA	6,223	5,855	4,866	4,887
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,872	20,077	*17,759	16,899
19 State Total	*212,382	207,377	*176,550	172,134
Previous Year Total	207,521	203,118	173,499	167,530
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	102	103

\*Revised

Source: NASS, USDA

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING**

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 10-Nov-07 is estimated at 160.4 million head. This compares to 162.5 million head the previous week and to 159.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 168.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 65.51 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** - WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEP 27, 2007-OCT 03, 2007

CLASS	Current Loads		101.00 Future Loads		90.75 Total Loads		191.75	
	SE		NE		MW			
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	91.17	--	92.70	94.00	--	--	17.00	
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00	
GL W J	--	--	109.25	111.00	97.08	--	6.50	
GL W XL	96.50	99.50	98.67	100.60	87.53	91.00	41.25	
GL W LG	--	--	98.00	91.50	82.72	--	20.00	
GL W MD	--	77.75	74.40	75.92	72.31	75.22	21.25	
GL W SM	57.25	61.00	55.00	58.00	52.00	55.00	8.00	
NRBS - 48	79.50	81.43	--	79.72	77.88	80.90	106.00	
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00	
NRBS - 39	73.00	--	72.63	75.58	71.00	--	5.00	

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 29-SEP-2007

Selected Consuming Centers	CW		LW	
	(Cases In Thousands)		LW	LY
Atlanta	25.0	26.2	-5	-12
Boston	3.1	3.1	0	-6
Chicago	50.2	64.4	-22	61
Detroit	9.5	9.6	-1	-1
Los Angeles	86.2	87.9	-2	-7
New Orleans	4.4	5.1	-14	-25
New York	27.4	28.4	-4	0
St. Louis	16.7	15.0	11	0
San Francisco	13.2	13.3	-1	-24
Total	235.7	253.0	-7	2
4 Week Moving Avg.	243.7			

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 29-SEP-07 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old		Total turkeys	
	Pct Chg		Avg		Banded	Avg	
	-Thousand Head-	Prev wk	Live wt	--Thousand head--			
North East	728	-6	24.72	(A)	728	24.72	
South							
Atlantic	723	5	32.43	(A)	723	32.43	
North Central	2,356	2	31.96	(A)	2,356	31.96	
South Central	735	0	18.58	(A)	735	18.58	
West	355	1	25.32	(A)	355	25.32	
U.S. total	4,897 (B)	1	28.46	0	4,897	28.46	
To-date							
2007	179,358 (B)			202	179,560		
To-date							
2006	175,456 (B)			179	175,635		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 19,000; for the current year to date 895,000; for last year to date 960,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 29-SEP-2007 (Preliminary)

	Young		Young	Old	Total
	Hens	Toms	Breeders		Turkeys
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	2,014	2,864	19	0	4,897
Avg Wt	16.34	37.01	24.27	0.00	28.46
Last week	2,036	2,801	28	21	4,886
Same wk yr ago	2,055	2,886	52	1	4,994
Avg Wt	16.62	36.80	24.24	52.46	28.37
To-date/2007	76,745	101,718	895	202	179,560
To-date/2006	74,982	99,514	960	179	175,635

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(PRELIMINARY)	Young	Light	Heavy	Total	
W/E 29-SEP-2007	Chickens	Hens	Hens	Hens	Ducks
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	173,849	1,050	1,546	2,596	472
Avg Wt	5.43	3.50	8.04	6.20	6.78
Last week	170,377	1,102	1,548	2,650	515
Same wk yr ago	164,748	1,173	1,501	2,674	488
Avg Wt	5.49	3.41	8.16	6.08	6.65
To-date/2007	6,286,637	42,950	56,641	99,591	19,536
To-date/2006	6,297,221	42,791	57,674	100,465	19,602

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 168.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 176.0 million head, or 7.9 million more than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 06-OCT-07

	Current Week	Previous Week
	10/06/07 (1)	09/29/07
----- Thousand head -----		
Class		
Broiler/fryer	171,787(2)	175,410
Light hens	1,107	1,115
Heavy hens	1,539	1,546
Total	174,433	178,071

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 06-Oct-07 is 167.4 million head compared to 171.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 172.1 million head or 4.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 13-Oct-07 the estimated available is 167.0 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/  
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available	Pct	Avg Wt
Aug 25	168.8	168.9	100%	5.30
Sept 1	173.6	165.9	105%	5.37
8	151.3	164.8	92%	5.39
15	170.4	168.4	101%	5.48
22	172.4	169.1	102%	5.58
29	176.0	168.1	105%	5.43
Year to date	6362.8	6438.2	99%	
Oct 6		167.4		
13		167.0		

**FINAL BROILER/FRYER REPORT** Prices negotiated for truck-lot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of: 01-OCT-2007 (cents per lb)

**U.S. GRADE A**

	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	COMPOSITE	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	60.00-63.00	62.69	31	:	58.51	60
Los Angeles	88.00	86.82	55	:	79.00	125
New York	68.00-71.00	68.67	21	:	68.02	46

**COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

WEEKLY	Change from		
01-OCT-2007	24-SEP-2007	24-SEP-2007	02-OCT-2006
70.66	-3.46	74.12	64.24
NUMBER OF LOADS 512			

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS,** FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT		WTD	LBS
SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	AVG
8-16 LB HENS			(000)

EASTERN REGION 3/	92-96	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	92-96	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	92-96	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION 3/	92-96	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	92-96	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	92-96	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25° F.

2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -**

Selected Centers	(Inc. Gov't Stocks)	(In Thousands)
	Frozen	Processed
	Eggs	Turkeys
	Lbs	Lbs
AM 10/01/07	3,226	107,745
AM 09/01/07	3,249	113,808
CHG	-23	-6063
PCT CHG	-1%	-5%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of August 31, 2007 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on October 1, 2007 are:

<b>Frozen Eggs</b>	18 Million Lbs Plus or Minus 5%
<b>Processed Turkeys</b>	487 Million Lbs Plus or Minus 5%
<b>Processed Other Poultry</b>	516 Million Lbs Plus or Minus 5%

**HEN MARKETS****HEAVY TYPE**

(7 pounds and up)\* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-OCT-07

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	7-13 CENTS/LB.		9.57
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central (1)	6.25-12.5 CENTS/LB.		9.25

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

\*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

**LIGHT TYPE - REMOVAL COSTS**

Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days,(includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds) 28-SEP-07

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	3-12	5-8
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-9	0-4.5

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT** (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 29-SEP-2007	Cases	% Change From
REGIONS	(In thousands)	LW LY
North Atlantic	178.9	1 0
East North Central	639.3	-1 2
West North Central	284.3	-1 -1
South Atlantic	178.5	0 -6
South Central	55.8	16 -7
West	211.3	14 5
Total	1548.1	2 0
Matched plants reporting		81 81

Areas Covered:

North Atlantic (ME, VT, MA, RI, CT, NH, NY, PA, NJ, MD, DE)

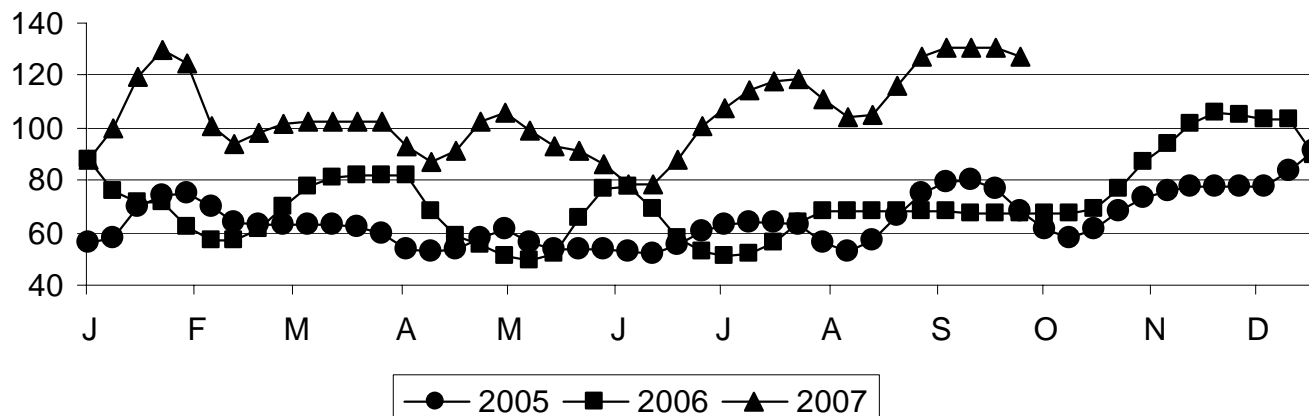
East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN)

West North Central (IA, MN, MO, KS, SD)

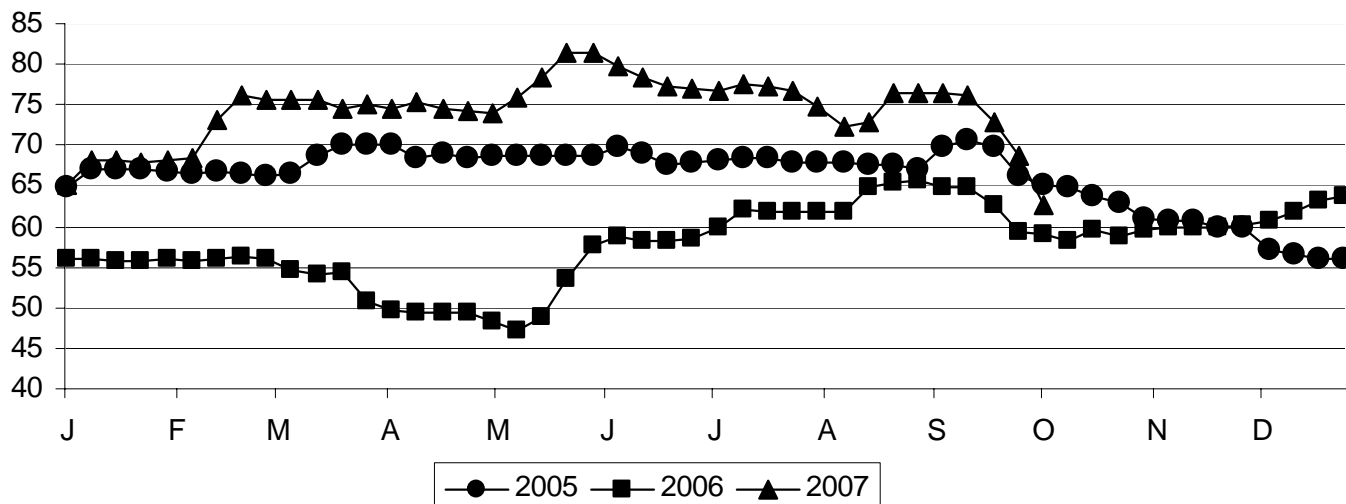
South Atlantic (SC, NC, VA, GA, FL, KY)

South Central (TN, AL, AR, MS, OK) West (CA, CO, WA, OR, UT)

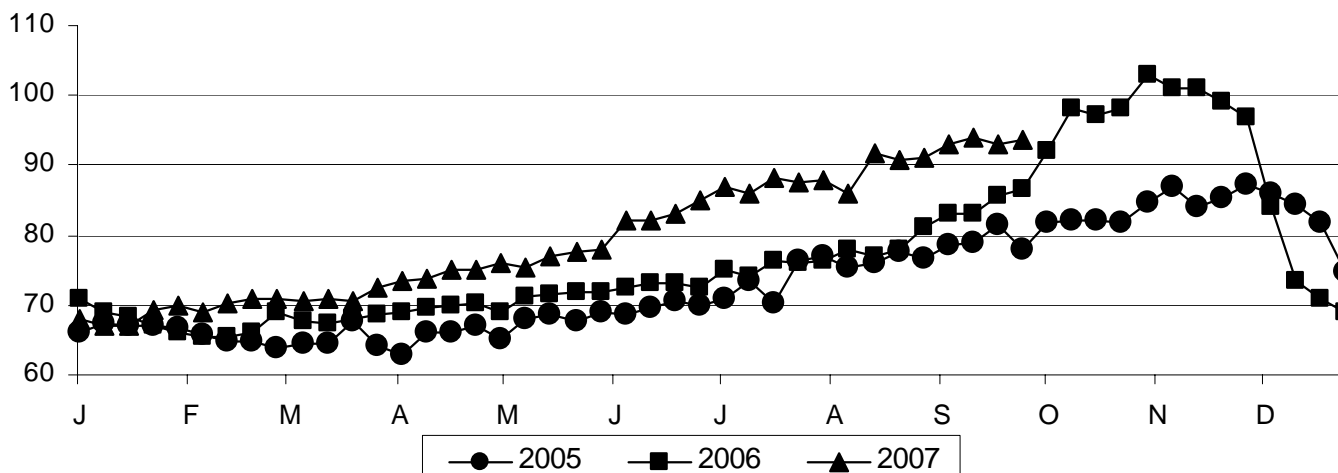
### New York Large Weekly Average Price cents per dozen



### Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices cents per pound



### Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkey cents per pound



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